GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4985
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TRANSFER OF STAFF OF BALCO
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;NITISH SENGUPTA

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present management of Bharat Aluminium has transferred a large number of officers from Delhi office to Korba;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether these transfer orders are contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Central Government and Messrs Starlite?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b) As informed by BALCO (Bharat Aluminium) management, they have decided to run the company from Korba itself, where the plant is located, in order to have a firmer grip and better focus on the business. There were 135 employees in the Managing Director`s office in New Delhi. Since the Managing Director now operates from Korba, there was no logic and little work for these employees in Delhi. As a consequence, senior management staff numbering 45 from the Managing Directors` office in New Delhi have been transferred to Korba.

(c) The transfer orders are not contrary to any of the clauses of the share holders/ share purchase agreements between the Government and M/s Sterlite Industries signed at the time of BALCO disinvestment.